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U-2's Designer In Capital for Powers Quiz

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The designer of the U-2 reconnaissance plane, Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson, flies into Washington today from the Lockheed factory in Burbank, Calif., to sit in on the debriefing of pilot Francis Gary Powers.

Mr. Powers is being subjected to the most rigorous homebase currying given any American intelligence agent since World War II.

Was he shot down or did his one jet on the U-2 flame out?

But it can be disclosed that Mr. Powers is being interrogated in the most minute detail on some other matters separate and apart from his unlucky U-2 experience. One of these matters is this:

Did he see or hear any whisper of 11 U. S. Air Force men still missing from the C-130 Hercules that give Soviet jets shot down Sept. 2, 1958, along the Turko-Russian border?

There were 17 crewmen aboard and about three weeks later the Soviets turned over

six bodies, only four identifiable, which they said were found after the craft "crashed and burned."

Even after our State Department in February, 1959, made public a tape recording of the Red jetmen's chatter during the attack, Moscow continued to stand on its original story.

Then, in January, 1961, after Powers had been sacked away in a Soviet prison himself, the Soviet magazine Ogonyok published an article

saying the unreported 11 Americans had been captured after the C-130 was shot down.

When Washington asked what about this, the Kremlin replied the article was "incorrect."

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